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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

VICTIM

United States of America,

No.

Plaintiff,

INDICTMENT

vs.

VIO: 18 U.S.C. § 554(a)
(Smuggling Goods from the United
States)
Count 1

Miguel Soto-Morando,

Defendant.

18 U.S.C. §§ 111(a) & (b)
(Assault on a Federal Officer –
Deadly or Dangerous Weapon)
Count 2

18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) & 924(a)(8)
(Possession of Ammunition by a
Prohibited Person)
Count 3

18 U.S.C. § 924(d); 28 U.S.C. §
2461(c); 50 U.S.C. § 4819(d)(1)(C)
(Forfeiture Allegation)

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

CR24-07997 TUC-RCC(LCK)

COUNT 1

On or about October 16, 2024, in the District of Arizona, Defendant MIGUEL SOTO-MORANDO, knowingly attempted to export and send from the United States any merchandise, article, or object contrary to any law or regulation of the United States, and received, concealed, bought, sold, and in any manner facilitated the transportation, concealment, and sale of such merchandise, article or object, that is:

- 3,140 rounds of ATS 7.62x39mm ammunition;

1 knowing the same to be intended for exportation contrary to any law or regulation of the
2 United States, to wit: Title 50, United States Code, Section 4819; Title 15, Code of Federal
3 Regulations, Part 736.2; Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 774; and Title 15,
4 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 738.

5 In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 554(a).

6 **COUNT 2**

7 On or about October 16, 2024, in the District of Arizona, MIGUEL SOTO-
8 MORANDO did intentionally and forcibly assault United States Customs and Border
9 Protection Officer K.M., an officer of the United States, while Officer K.M. was engaged
10 in, or on account of the performance of his duties, and in doing so defendant used a deadly
11 and dangerous weapon, to wit: 2000 GMC Sierra pickup truck.

12 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 111(a) and (b).

13 **COUNT 3**

14 On or about October 16, 2024, in the District of Arizona, MIGUEL SOTO-
15 MORANDO, knowing that he had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment
16 for a term exceeding one year, did knowingly possess, in and affecting interstate and
17 foreign commerce, 3,140 rounds of ATS 7.62x39mm ammunition.

18 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(8).

19 **FORFEITURE ALLEGATION**

20 Upon conviction of Counts 1 or 3 of the Indictment, the defendant, MIGUEL
21 SOTO-MORANDO, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States
22 Code, Section 924(d), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any firearms and
23 ammunition involved in the commission of the offense, including, but not limited to 3,140
24 rounds of ATS 7.62x39mm ammunition.

25 If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the
26 defendant: a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; b) has been transferred
27 or sold to, or deposited with, a third party; c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of
28 the court; d) has been substantially diminished in value; or e) has been commingled with

1 other property which cannot be divided without difficulty, it is the intent of the United
2 States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title
3 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said
4 defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property, including, but not limited to,
5 all property, both real and personal, owned by the defendant.

6 All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d), Title 28, United States
7 Code, Section 2461(c) and Rule 32.2(a), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

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9 A TRUE BILL

10 /S/
11 FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY
Dated: November 13, 2024

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